BITTER CONTEST NEARING ITS END

Campaign for Governor Noted Chiefly for Charges and Abuse.

DESPITE CLAIMS. RESULTS IN DOUBT

Little Interest Shown by Voters, Withdrawal of Stuart Having Been Crushing Blow to Many Hopes-Sharp Fight for Other Places on

BY, C. A. BOYCE.

REMARKABLE chiefly for the bit-ter charges hurled back and forth from nearly every hustings in the Commonwealth the campaign for Governor between Harry St. George Tucker and Judge William Hodges Mann is drawing rapidly to a close. only nine days being left before the date of the primary. As the two leaders start on the final hear it tooks as if they are running neck and neck, with great doubt existing as to which will reach the post ahead. The contest has been on of vituperation from its inception, new charges having been brought by one side or the other near-

to the ocean, and from Maryland he North Carolina line. is an open secret that the sup-

riers of Judge Mann greatly desired three-cornered battle, and when Mr. uart withdrew efforts were made to t some other Democrat of the anti-achine stripe to enter the race, Con-

Stuart withdrew efforts were made to get some other Democrat of the antimachine stripe to enter the race. Congressman Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, though training with neither side, considered the matter of running for Governor many weeks, finally announcing that he would not be a candidate.

Go at it Single-itanded,
It was evident from the day Mr. Gluart retired that the battle would be fought out to the finish with only Tucker and Mann in the running. Proceeding on this assumption, each went to work to capture the Stuart vote, though only the result of the primary can show definitely what bulk of the Southwest man's following will land. In that section it is thought to have switched largely to Tucker, but the Ninth District is a crucial point. Mr. Stuart would have swept it from end to end. This is conceded by all who are well posted with reference to the situation, It is believed that the Southwest will be close, with chances slightly in favor of Mann.

The ampaign since he attained his majority.

Mann's Long Record.

William Hodges Mann is a native of Petersburg being much older than his competitor. He has worn every public honor that it was possible for the people of his country to bestow upon him, having been in politics in one capacity or another almost constantly since the days of Reconstruction. He has been country judge, Commonwealth's attorney, nominee for Congress and State Senator, though he has contended for many other positions which he failed to land. Among the latter are judge of which sever of wide experience, having many times stumped the State in the interest of his party. He was brought to make the days of several and Governor.

Judge Mann, like Mr. Tucker, is a many times stumped the State in the interest of his party. He was brought the main liquor law in the Senate a few years and the congineration of the primary of wide experience, having the fore No. 83, a fast freight on the orig

int debate between Tucker and Mann. the latter declining all other chal-lenges sent him by his competitor. Mr. Tucker asked for a debate at Chris-tiansburg, but his request was not



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sins of omission and of commission, but all these are too fresh in the minds of the voters to need detailed enumeration here.

Who the Men Are,

If Tucker and Mann were not well known to the voters throughout the State at the beginning of the fight they have been given pretty fair introductions now, for what the people did not know concerning the one has been told them by the other in language which was easy of interpretation.

Harry St. George Tucker is fifty—three years of age, and was born in the city of Winchester, where his father, the late John Randolph Tucker, was a distinguished lawyer. He has held many responsible positions in political and educational circles, having follow—

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The latter has made only a few speeches, though he has sent out thou sands of litters to the voters asking for their support. Mr. Ellyson is a party organizer of ability, having steered the Democratic ship through the deep waters of opposition for nearly two decades without the loss of a party organizer of ability, having steered the Democratic ship through the deep waters of opposition for nearly two decades without the loss of a party organizer of ability, having steered the Democratic ship through the deep waters of opposition for nearly two decades without the loss of a party organizer of ability, having steered the Democratic ship through the deep waters of opposition for nearly two decades without the loss of a party organizer of ability, having steered the Democratic ship through the deep waters of opposition for nearly two decades without the loss of a party organizer of ability, having steered the Democratic ship through the deep waters of opposition for nearly two decades without the loss of a party organizer of ability, having steered the Democratic ship through the deep waters of opposition for nearly two decades without the loss of a party

naturally desires to defeat the other.

Chief Law Officer.

One of the contests which is of peculiar interest to the voters, owing to the importance of the office, as well as the popularity of the aspirants, is that for Attorney-General. It will be recalled that after eight years of faithful service, the incumbent, Major William A. Anderson, of Rockbridge, declined early in the campaign to stand for re-election. The result is that the

WAREHOUSES BURN; TOWN THREATENED

Come and see the great Fire of Unknown Origin Causes Heavy Loss at Waynesboro.

> [Special to The Times-Dispatch:] STAUNTON, VA.; July 25.—Fire of known origin about midday destroyed two large warehouses of J. W. Ellisson's Sons & Company, at Waynesboro, with all their contents, and for a time threatened a large part of the town. One of the buildings was filled with hay and grain and the other with agricultural implements. The loss is heavy, but is covered by insurance.
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> Association to Meet.
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RAILROAD TRACK

Buena Vista Man Discovered in

TWO MEN ARE KILLED.

FORT GUNS GO

High Average of 75 Per Cent. of Hits Scored in Recent Practice.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25 .- Four of the heavy gun batteries at Fort of hits in the regular service practice which took place at the fort on July 21 The official report shows that the bat-The official report shows that the batteries were manned by enlisted men of the coast artillery corps, firing at a material target moving at the rate of about seven miles an hour, at a minimum range of about 5,000 yards. Eighteen clean holes were counted in the material target at the end of practice. The first shot of the series was delivered by one of the twelve-inch guns in twenty-five seconds after the target was assigned.

Son of Lynchburg Man.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., July 25.—Dr.
Claude H. Lavinder, of the United
States Marine Hospital service, who
has recently been investigating the appearance of pellagra in a Chicago insane hospital, is a son of N. H. Lavinder, of this city. Dr. Lavinder is one
of the most brilliant young men in the
Marine Hospital service.

Lynchburg Assessment.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNOriBURG, VA., July 25.—Commissioner Snead, of the local revenue office, has completed the realty and personal property books of the city for the assessment of 1909. They show good increases over last year. It is probable the books will be the first to reach the office of the Auditor of Publuic Accounts in Richmond.

NEW YORK HERALD ON VIRGINIA ROAD WORK

Commends Effort of Times-Dis-patch to Get Highways Out

Lexington, to Roanoke, and from Roanoke to Greensboro or Winston-Salem.

Herald Commends Plan. of the Mud

MANY MEETINGS PLANNED

Citizens Determined to Improve

Perhaps there will come a day when the farmer may travel by aeroplane—which he ought to do now, by the way—but that day is still far distant, and he must perforce cling to common earth for his means of locomotion and communication.

So the movement for good roads, which, like all things, big or little, had but a small beginning, is now a matter of tremendous interest, and the people all over the State are realizing that good roads are of as much importance as prohibition or local option, according as they think on those much agitated questions.

Meetings in August.

As an example of how far the movement has progressed, it may be stated that in the beginning of August good roads meetings will be held in Alexandric Charlotteaville Scottsville Em-

wealthy individuals will give of their means to help the project along.

After this road is built, other sections of the State will take up the building of highways, and the roads for which Virginia is now cursed by every man who travels over them will be as good as those to which Caesar owes part of his fame. The great Roman general and statesman never conquered a country, but that he left it with a permanent highway, and his roads are still in existence. It is said that there is nothing new under the sun, and good roads are certainly not a new invention of the mind or a dream of disordered imaginations. And certainly what was lone in ye olden time to an ertainly be done now.

Though the capital-to-capital route undertaken by the New York Herald and Atlanta Journal will not pass through Richmond, on account of the terrible roads, as was stated yesterday, it should not discourage promoters of the highway between Washington in Virginia the route will be down in the route will be down in the road of the highway between Washington in Virginia the route will be down in the road of the State will be down in the road of the highway between Washington in Virginia the route will be down in the road of the State will be down in the road of the State will be down in the road of the State will be down in the road of the state of the Mark Road, which will connect that place with Lynchburg. Money the State will be stated to the State with Lynchburg.

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little doubt that within a few years
it will become a thoroughly practical
touring path between New York and
Atlanta, but before that hope can
be realized much hard work will have
to be done.

Advantages of Capital Route.

"There is no gainsaving the advan-

through this section, and in order to further the project the company offers to build four miles of macadam road from Altavista to the Ward Road, which will connect that place with Lynchburg. Money has been raised to build a bridge over the Staunton River at Altavista, from where three miles more of the country road will be built up Rock Creek, connecting with the old Lynchburg and Danylle pike thus to build four miles of macadam road from Altavista to the Ward Road, which will connect that place with Lynchburg. Money has been raised to huild a bridge over the Staunton River at Altavista, from where three miles more of the country road will be built up Rock Creek, connecting with the old Lynchburg and Danville pike, thus eliminating the only bad section of road between Lynchburg and Danville ito Amherst Courthouse. This would leave less than sixty miles of good road to be provided between Lynchburg and Anton, which would bring Lynchburg in touch with the far-famed Valley Pike.

LOOKING TO NEW JUDGE.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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BRISTOL, VA., July 25.—Hon Joseph L. Kelly, the newly-appointed Judge of the Corporation Court for the city of Bristol, will take the oath of office on August 2, and will hold the ragular term of court, which begins on that day.

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Unusual interest centres in the coming of the new judge, by reason of the pending local option contest. In this connection the question most frequently asked is as to whether or not application for license will be heard prior to the settlement of the contest.

Judge Kelly is a native Virginian, a son of the late Judge John A. Kelly, of Marion, who, for twenty-five years, presided over the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Important Notice to Gas Consumers

On and after Agust 1, 1909, gas bills will be rendered as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT (east of the centre of Fourteenth Street) on the 1st instead of the 10th of the month.

SECOND DISTRICT (between Fourteenth and the west side of First Street) on the 8th instead of the 22d of the month.

THIRD DISTRICT (between First and the west side of Harrison Street) on the 15th instead of the 2d of the month.

FOURTH DISTRICT (west of Harrison Street) on the 23d instead of the 2d of the month.

Whenever delivery day falls on Sunday or a legal holiday the bills will bear date of the following day. If a bill is not paid within five days after delivery 5 per cent. will be added. If paid by check the bill must accompany the check, and both should be mailed to the City Treasurer before the last day to insure their delivery in time to save the penalty. If a bill is not paid within ten days after delivery the gas will be turned off.

JOSEPH M. SHELTON, Inspector of Gas, Richmond, Va.

PICKING STATE TEAM

Thirty Best Marksmen of Virginia Militia Now at Camp Harrington for Practice Shoot.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CAMP HARRINGTON, WILLIAMS-BURG, VA., July 25.—About thirty riflemen, representing the picked marksmen of the Virginia militia, arrived here on Friday, after a tiresome, dusty ride of nine miles from Williamsburg station, and began practice on Saturday for the State team, which is to represent Virginia, in the national match at Camp Perry, Ohio, out of a possible 25 at 600 yards, and late in August. This team will be \$7 out of a possible 100 at skirmish.

CROPS SUFFERING FROM DRY SPELL

Rain Badly Needed in Cornfields of Northern Neck-Camp Meeting Time.

quantities are still going to markets and bringing good prices. One day to-day and proceeled to Norfolk for coal. She fired a sqlute of twenty-one guns upon her approach to Fortress wharves along the Potomac in Lottsburg District, of Northumberland country of the country of t

Religious Meetings Begin Seen.

The sixty-seventh annual session of the Rappahannock Baptist Association will begin on Tuesday at Welcome Grove, in Westmoreland county. The Marion Grove camp-meeting of the Methodists, near the horder line of Lancaster and Northumberland, will begin on Friday and will continue ten days. The Rev. Asbury Christian, of Petersburg, and Rev. J. Sidney Peters, of Manchester have been engaged to do the preaching at the camp-meeting. A standard Trust Company of New York. The Tennessee company will be build two dams across Hiawassee Rives for the development of hydri-electric power.

The delegates to the State Republican convention from counties along the Revenue River and Revenue River and Rev. J. Sidney Peters, of Manchester have been engaged to do the preaching at the camp-meeting. A work has begun on a \$25,000 school building at Murphy, the county seat of Cherokee.

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county, has gone to the Ishmus of Parama, where he has obtained a po-sition on the canal. He is a nephew of Congressman William A. Jones.

LYNCHBURG, VA., July 25.—Ti weather during the week has befairly favorable for the tobacco crowhich is now in a very good condition in many sections, however, the lar is getting quite dry, and if there not some rain within the next fe days the crop will begin to suffer. considerable portion of the tobacchas been topped.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ITALIAN CRUISER HERE.

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., July 25

en route to New York for the Fulton-Hudson celebration.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 25.—A mortgage representing \$5,000,000 has been filed in the office of the register of deeds of Cherokee county by the Tennessee Power Company in favor of the Standard Trust Company of New York. The Tennessee company will build two dams across Hiawassee Rives fir the development of hydri-electric power.

Case to Be Resumed.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., July 25.—The hearing before Professor Martin B. Burks, special master of the Federal court in the case of Williams against the city of Lynchburg, has been continued until Tuesday, when it is expected it will be resumed.

Though some believe the case will be ready for the September term of the Federal court, others regerd this sa an impossibility on account of the mass of depositions to be taken.

morrow preparatory to beginning a survey of the main public highway leading from Westlands, in the southern part of Lancaster, to Chinn's Mill, on the border line between Richmond and Lancaster.

Miss Mary Rice, of Baitimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Downing, and other relatives and triends in this section.

Frank P. Brent, Jr., of Richmond, is visiting his relatives in this place.

Robert Hall, of Warsaw, Richmond

Small W-sit

Small Wreck on Southern.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch,]
ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 25.—Traffe
was tied up on the Asheville-Columbia
line of the Southern Railway until
early this morning by the derailment
of eight freight cars in front of the
depot at Tyron shortly after dark iss
night. Passengers from trains No. 12
for Columbia and No. 12 for Asheville
were transferred. The arcidant was
caused by a bursting wheel.